

SB 5381.E - DIGEST

(DIGEST AS ENACTED)

Declares that it is the purpose of this act to authorize the creation of the Washington academy of sciences as a nonprofit entity independent of government, whose principal mission will be the provision of scientific analysis and recommendations on questions referred to the academy by the governor, the governor's designee, or the legislature.

Directs the presidents of the University of Washington and Washington State University to jointly form and serve as the cochairs of an organizing committee for the purpose of creating the Washington academy of sciences as an independent entity to carry out the purposes of this act. The committee should be representative of appropriate disciplines from the academic, private, governmental, and research sectors.

Requires the organizational committee to recommend procedures and funding requirements for receiving and disbursing funding in support of the academy's programs and services in a report to the governor and the appropriate committees of the senate and house of representatives no later than April 30, 2007.